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On the 12th October, 1899, at No. 2, St. Francis Street, Hongkong, the wife of J. T. Corron, Inspector of Markets, of a fever.

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On the 1st September, at St. Andrew's, Pootung, Harry Douglas, Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Tientsin, aged 55 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, October 14th, 1899.

According to Mr. Kruken's ultimatum it is in its essence such a move was perhaps to be expected. Writing as long ago as the 23rd September the *Times of Ceylon* suggested that the course resolved upon by the Ministry—to meet a week from that time to consider proposals for a settlement to be drawn up in the meantime by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN and those assisting him, without further consultation with the Transvaal—would doubtless be regarded on all sides as mainly devised to gain valuable time, and it asked, would the South African Republic, which now stood publicly pledged to an offensive and defensive alliance, consent to play a waiting game to their evident disadvantage? The article continued—

"A very probable move on the part of the Republic now, it seems to us, will be to jointly call upon Great Britain not to move any more troops towards the Cape Colony and Natal frontiers; and that, if she does not comply, to consider her action tantamount to a declaration of war. We cannot imagine them sitting still for a week or more, awaiting our preparations, unless they have special reasons, not described to the Eastern world by 'Reuter for also wanting more time.' This forecast has been fulfilled, though not so soon as the Ceylon paper anticipated, for the ultimatum did not come until nearly three weeks after the date of the article. Apparently Mr. Kruken, seeing the British forces being steadily strengthened, while he was unable to add to his own forces, has at last given up and decided to make the plunge. If he was resolved on fighting the longer he waited the worse his position would be. It is unlikely, however, that the Boer forces will actually assume the offensive, and equally unlikely is it that the British Government will be moved by the strong language of the ultimatum to commence operations before the military plans are complete and all the troops in readiness, though that, no doubt, was what Mr. Kruken hoped would be the effect of the ultimatum. The intention of the British Government, we opine, is to place such an overwhelming force in the field as will at once bear down all opposition and save the useless sacrifice of life that would be entailed by a long continued struggle.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 9.30 a.m. yesterday, and that of the English mail at 10.10 p.m.

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100	\$12,390
100	\$12,574
100	\$86, sales & buyers
88	\$525, buyers
525	\$124, buyers
1010	\$29, sellers
150	\$35—
110	\$127
110	\$13, sales & sellers
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150	\$125, sell-ers
35	\$26, sellers
100	\$94, sellers
150	\$180
25	16 p. ct. prem..

50	\$147, buyers
20	\$57, sellers
25	*6, ex div. sellers
25	\$330
25	Tls. 200
20	*4, sellers
10	242, ex div. buyers
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50	\$107, sellers
10	\$10, sellers
30	\$30
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00	\$52, sellers

250	\$245, buyers
\$5	\$1, buyers
\$1	60 cents, buyers
\$5	\$14.25
250	45, cts. sellers
\$5	\$11
\$3	\$3.10, buyers
\$8	\$1.4, sellers
\$1	\$1.60, sales
ind.	\$54, buyers
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50	\$99, sellers
10	\$1b, buyers

10	\$24, buyers
10	\$27, buyers
25	\$28, 10s., buyers
50	\$47, sellers
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10	\$7, buyers
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VERNON, Broker.	

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Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.		Weather.
		Direction.	Force.	
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74	58	E	4	c
82	49	SSE	4	a
77		ENE	4	b

87	58	EE	3	b
76	62	E	1	b
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77	—	EE	4	—
79	—	ENE	4	—
—	—	E	1	a
88	72	NW	1	o
—	—	WSW	1	o
—	—	N	2	b
90	—	E	1	o
88	—	N	3	o
—	—	S	2	o

at 10 AM.

70	75	N	3	CV
74	71	NNW	2	C
75	89	N	2	b
78	71	N	5	b
82		NNN	5	
		SE	1	e
84	71	W	1	b

—	—	SW	2	b
—	—	N	2	b
83	—	E	2	c
87	—	NE	3	b
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Barometric changes are unimportant over B. Africa and the moderates on the coast, mild in the N. part of the winds; fine.

REGISTER, 11th Octo.
 m. 9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 69
 m. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 68
 m. 4 P.M. (Wet bulb) 69

LOW WATER.	
Hongkong Mean Tide.	Height
at 11 30	ft. in.
11 30 S.E.	3 2
0 15 S.E.	0 3

22	C	14	1	8
23	C	20	0	0
24	1	20	0	10
25	1	22	0	8
26	1	18	0	2
27	2	38	0	7
28	3	46	-3	4
29	2	23	0	10
30	3	52	-3	8
31	3	0	1	2